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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Review Officer
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FROM: David D. Gries
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SUBJECT: Release of Form 362

1. Thank you for your Memorandum of 27 September giving reasons why the Directorate of Operations should not release Form 362 (used for name traces) under standards of the JFK Assassinations Records Act. After careful review, I do not believe that it is defensible to withhold the form itself. Information entered on the form is a separate matter; all or part of it may be withheld in appropriate cases.

2. The reasons follow:

- The JFK Act requires that a case be made establishing a clear and convincing link between postponing release of an assassination record and a threat to intelligence operations "of such gravity that it outweighs the public interest." That case cannot reasonably be made for a generic form that lists a number of offices no longer in existence. Examples are the Domestic Collection Division, the Central Reference Service, and the Central Registry. Although an updated version of this form is still in use, release of the form as used in the 1970s would not seem to threaten intelligence operations today.
- As you note in your Memorandum, the fact that name traces are made in the Directorate of Operations has become public knowledge. This would weaken an attempt to defend postponement by claiming damage to intelligence methods.

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- Release of the form would not constitute a precedent. The JFK Act is a unique piece of legislation; it explicitly does not establish precedents for other declassification activities, which are governed by specific laws, such as the Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act, or by internal CIA regulations, such as the Guidelines for Historical Review.
- The Presidential Review Board, which must approve all decisions to postpone or redact documents in the JFK collection, is unlikely to side with CIA in this instance, resulting in a costly and publicly embarrassing reversal of our position.

3. Let's discuss this further and try to find a satisfactory resolution, which may lie in releasing more than one-fourth of the form but less than the complete form. Please give me a call at your convenience.



David D. Gries

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